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## Under Secretary of the Army visits JBSA-Fort Sam Houston

By Lori Newman  
JBSA-FSH News Leader

The 30th Under Secretary of the Army, Dr. Joseph W. Westphal, visited Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston March 7 and 8 to talk about budget and warrior transition issues. He also awarded four Purple Hearts during his visit.

"This is one of several visits I've made to this great installation," Westphal said. "It has such a variety of commands that touch every aspect of our Army."

The undersecretary spent the afternoon of March 7 visiting the U.S. Army Installation Management Command Academy.

Westphal praised Lt. Gen. Michael Ferriter, IMCOM commanding general, and his staff for their dedication in supporting Soldiers and

their families worldwide. "Our Army leadership has been well coordinated, very organized in terms of addressing the budget issues that have been laid

before us by the Congress," Westphal said.

"We have been able to address what are very

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Photo by Evan Dyson

Under Secretary of the Army Joseph Westphal thanks Installation Management Command commanding general Lt. Gen. Michael Ferriter at the conclusion of his visit to the Installation Management Academy March 7.

## AER kicks off 2012 campaign

By Guy Shields  
Army Emergency Relief

Army Emergency Relief announced the start of its annual AER Campaign, which began March 1 and runs through May 15, with this year's theme of "A Strong Tradition of Soldiers Helping Soldiers."

For the last 70 years, the campaign objectives have remained the same, AER officials said: To create greater awareness of Army Emergency Relief programs and benefits; and to give Soldiers the opportunity to help their fellow Soldiers.

"The primary objective of the annual campaign is to

create a greater awareness of how Army Emergency Relief helps Soldiers and their families," said AER director, retired Lt. Gen. Robert Foley.

"By promoting a better understanding of AER benefits, easy access to AER

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Staff Sgt. Christopher Ciro, 32nd Medical Brigade, mounts a hill to begin testing on one of three combat casualty care lanes as part of the Expert Field Medical Badge test March 4-9 at Camp Bullis. See related story and more photos on Pages 12-13.

Photo by Lori Newman

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# IMCOM promise: world-class customer service

By Lt. Gen. Mike Ferriter  
 Commanding General,  
 U.S. Army Installation  
 Management Command

Every day across our installations, members of Team IMCOM are working hard to provide world-class customer service and make it a great day to be a Soldier, family member or Army civilian.

A prime example is when a 71-year-old retired sergeant first class visited the Fort McCoy ID card office to renew his card.

Ken Quade, a separation and retirement services specialist, noticed the retiree needed a different kind of card. He was not receiving all the benefits he should have.

Quade could see the customer needed help, and so he took corrective action. Incredibly,



with Mr. Quade's help, the retiree was eventually able to recover more than \$41,000 in back pay and receive other benefits he had earned.

Just imagine the impact of this on the sergeant first class and his wife. They returned to the office to tell Quade in person what a big difference it made in their lives.

We in the Installation Management Command are charged with deliver-

ing the majority of installation services and Soldier and family programs, and we know that a critical element of service delivery depends on our people.

World-class customer service depends on making connections with the customers across the counter – listening to them, working to find solutions, and saying thank you.

It doesn't cost a penny to make someone feel like a million dollars. It does take a commitment to serve and provide leadership at every level.

Our focus on customer service is a promise of predictable service. It is a promise that customers will always be treated with courtesy, respect and an attitude of let's-make-this-work.

We can see many other

great examples of customer service across IMCOM. There's Carol Pryer, a survivor support coordinator with the Florida Army National Guard, who with great persistence and compassion has built a strong network for our most revered members, Army survivors.

Or Robin Greene at Fort Sam Houston, who has worked hard to streamline the process for providing housing for Soldiers with medical needs.

Or Jessica Zagelow, Family Child Care Director at Fort Bliss, who goes above and beyond for children who need extra care.

Or Nick Overstake and Pat Fielder at Campbell Army Airfield, who came in Christmas Day to repair runway lights and make sure a flight

with redeploying Soldiers could land.

There are way too many great examples to name them all, and to that I say, Go Team!

Thank you, IMCOM personnel, for setting the standard for customer service. I am extremely proud of our team and what you do for Soldiers, families and civilians every day.

And thank you, too, to our customers for your feedback.

Keep sending us those ICE comments. Visit the IMCOM Facebook page and tell us about our team members who deliver excellent customer service.

We want to know how we can improve, and just as much, we want to hear about our stars.

Army strong!

## JBSA-Fort Sam Houston Air Force NCOs selected for senior master sergeant

Air Force officials announced March 8 the selection of more than 1,700 master sergeants for promotion to senior master sergeant.

Those selected represent 13.78 percent of the 12,351 eligible, with an average score of 670.44, 4.12 years average time in grade, and 19.27 years of time in service. The average score was based on the following point averages: 134.99 for enlisted performance reports, 20.66 for decorations, 70.62 for the Air Force supervisory exam and 392.56 board score.

Those selected for senior master sergeant will

be promoted according to their promotion sequence number beginning in April. The following NCOs in JBSA-Fort Sam Houston were selected:

*502nd Air Base Wing*  
 Shae Alamo

*502nd Mission Support Group*  
 Nancy Caro Windham

*382nd Training Squadron*  
 Chantel Libby  
 Angela Langhorne  
 Gregory Tate  
 Shawn Thompson

*383rd Training Squadron*  
 Jose Gonzalez-Parra  
 Jason Hodges

## News Briefs

### AMEDDC&S Change of Command

Lt. Gen. Patricia D. Horoho, Army Surgeon General and Commanding General, United States Army Medical Command, hosts the U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School change of command at 9 a.m. March 27 at the MacArthur Parade Field. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in the Blesse Auditorium, Willis Hall, Building 2841. During the ceremony, Maj. Gen. David A. Rubenstein will turn over command of AMEDDC&S to Maj. Gen. Philip Volpe. For more information, call 221-8580.

### Binz Engleman Traffic Diversion, Gate Closing

The City of San Antonio Bridge project at Binz Engleman Road will be diverting incoming traffic onto new pavement north of the existing pavement beginning March 24, according to 502nd Civil Engineer Squadron officials. On March 16, there will be road work and asphalt placement for the new road. Low-profile barriers will be placed once the asphalt can support it. All of these activities are to the north side of Binz Engleman. Traffic will only briefly be interrupted when trucks are entering and exiting the roadway. Flagmen will be present to ensure safety. On March 17, the gate will be closed in both directions. City contractors will set up barricades to block traffic in both directions; barrels will be used if needed. Gate will open up upon completion of all activities. For more information, call 221-5283.

### Legal Office Closure

The 502nd Mission Support Group Legal Office at 2271 Reynolds Road will be closes from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. March 16 for an official function. Normal operating hours resume at 1:30 p.m. For emergencies, please call the Command Post at 295-8817.

### Start a career with CID

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command needs qualified active duty Soldiers to become Special Agents. Contact the Fort Sam Houston CID Office at 221-1764 to set up an interview to determine if you meet the minimum requirements, or stop by 2164 Wilson Way, Building 268

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# ARNORTH planners dive in to homeland security

By Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson  
ARNORTH Public Affairs

Planners at U.S. Army North dove in to the complex subjects of homeland security, defense and civil support during a 40-hour course at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston March 5-9.

The course, taught by a mobile training team from the Joint Forces Staff College, National Defense University, covered contingency and crisis action planning processes as they pertain to homeland secu-

rity and defense.

"We teach deliberate and crisis-action planning processes," said Gerald Mitchell, Homeland Security Planning Course program director, NDU, adding that the course focuses on national homeland security and Department of Defense strategy, policy and plans.

It is conducted in a seminar environment, with lectures, guided discussions, guest speakers and case studies.

The assembled planners said they felt the course was very beneficial.

"The course is a great overview," said Sgt. 1st Class James Winters, Army North future operations plans noncommissioned officer.

"It covers contingency planning among many different organizations and agencies, and how they interact with local, state and federal governments."

The weeklong event marked the second time the course was taught at Army North – and the seats were booked well in advance.

"We try to keep extra seats

open for planners from around the country that also want to take the course," said Dorothy Cannon, individual education and training specialist, Army North, who added that representatives from the U.S. Coast Guard, among others, were in attendance.

"Every section at Army North has planners, whether its network operations, finance or training. This course is important for all our planners," Cannon said.

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significant budget cuts in what we call the 'fit up' for the next decade – two five-year plans," the undersecretary added.

"Now, a lot depends on what Congress is going to do the rest of this year, both in terms of the current fiscal year budget

and what they are going to do in respect to the budget act they passed last December.

"We are trying focus on the things that are important to families and children, to make sure that we can protect the resources for those kinds of activities," Westphal said.

"IMCOM is doing a very good

job of burrowing inside of their support programs to ensure there are not redundancies."

There may be other things that cannot be funded in the long-term, the under secretary stated, but "we have a requirement to take care of our Soldiers and their families for the sacrifices that they have made

over the last 10 years and that they continue to make.

"We have a very firm commitment to continue to care for our wounded warriors," Westphal pledged.

"It's a constant learning curve with all of the improvements in science and technology," the under secretary said. "It's a constant battle to keep up the issues that affect them, and to be sensitive to those issues; to address them in a timely manner."

"Warrior transition is huge issue for us in the Army," he said. "It's complicated, but we are addressing it; not backing away from it."

"We are working with the Department of Defense and the Veterans Administration in ways we have never worked with them before," Westphal added.

"The health of the force in general is a big issue – from the affects of that war through PTSD, suicides, sexual assault or assault in general, drug use – you name it. All these things are a concern to us as Americans."

These issues are not Army-unique they affect all the services he explained. "The more we can look at those issues in a joint fashion the better we learn and the more we improve."

Following his visit to IMCOM,

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Photo by Maria Gallegos

Under Secretary of the Army Joseph Westphal (second from left) presented Purple Hearts to four Soldiers at the Warrior and Family Support Center March 8. Pictured with Westphal are (from left): Linda Westphal, Sgt. Brandon L. Tucker, Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 5th Squadron, 7th Cavalry, 3rd Infantry Division; Pfc. Cody A. Nusbbaum, Company C, 2nd Battalion, 87th Infantry, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division; Spc. Benjamin P. Bozworth, Company A, 1st Battalion, 179th Infantry, 45th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Oklahoma Army National Guard; Spc. Nicholas G. Luttrell, Company A, 1st Battalion, 279th Infantry, 45th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Oklahoma Army National Guard; and Maj. Gen. M. Ted Wong, Commanding General, Brooke Army Medical Center and Southern Regional Medical Command.

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during duty hours. The CID agents will provide assistance in guiding the applicant through the application process. Information could also be found at the Army CID website at <http://www.cid.army.mil>.

### Nominations open for AUSA Volunteer Family of Year

The Association of the U.S. Army's Volunteer Family of the Year award recognizes an exceptional Army family whose dedicated volunteer service significantly contributes to improving Army well-being and the well-being of the local community. It is open to families from active duty, National Guard, Reserves, retirees and Army civilians. Nominations for the award must be submitted only through AUSA chapters. For chapter information, click on <http://www.ausa.org/about/chapters/Pages/ChapterLocator.aspx>.

Deadline for submissions is May 1. For more information, call the Alamo Chapter of the AUSA at (818) 516-3442.

### JBSA FAP CareLine

Reporting procedures for the Joint Base San Antonio Family Advocacy Program CareLine have been streamlined to ensure the easiest access and assistance to those in need of services related to the prevention of family maltreatment in our community. To report incidents of spouse or child abuse and to coordinate an emergency response for victims of domestic violence, call 292-5967. This line is monitored 24 hours per day, 7 days a week.

### Military Tax Assistance Centers Open

Active duty military members, military retirees, and their families can take advantage of free tax services at the Military Tax Assistance Centers. The 502nd Mission Support Group's legal office opens offers the main site at 2271 Reynolds Road, at the corner of Wilson and Reynolds Roads, as well as a San Antonio Military Medical Center satellite office at the L44-6 conference room. All tax returns are completed on an appointment-only basis. Customers need to bring their W-2s, 1099-Rs and all other

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# 'Fired Up Chief' culminates 28-year career where he began

By Mike Joseph  
Lackland AFB Public Affairs

The 502nd Air Base Wing's "Fired Up Chief" culminates 28 years of service to the U.S. Air Force March 16 at the same place where it began – the basic military training parade grounds at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Air Force Base.

Chief Master Sgt. Juan Lewis, known as the "The Fired Up Chief," by his signature moniker on all his email traffic, ends his military career by leading the Air Force's newest Airmen over the bomb run, and one final time in front of the BMT grandstand.

A fervent leader, the 502nd ABW command chief is also identified across JBSA for his PEP – Pride, Enthusiasm and Passion. It's a message he has spread throughout his four-year tenure in San Antonio, first as command chief of the

37th Training Wing, and then at the 502nd ABW.

"The one thing I'm really going to miss the most is helping the Airmen," Lewis said. "I'll miss the interaction with them and helping them achieve their goals."

As the 502nd ABW's top enlisted leader, Lewis was the primary adviser to Brig. Gen. Theresa C. Carter, 502nd ABW

commander, on all matters affecting the quality, welfare, morale and management of JBSA enlisted personnel.

It's a role Lewis relished.

"We've got to communicate with our Airmen in the lower ranks, and let them communicate with us," Lewis said. "A great responsibility has been placed on our shoulders. Parents want to know someone



Photo by Robbin Cresswell

Chief Master Sgt. Juan Lewis, right, 37th Training Wing command chief, congratulates an Airman who graduated from Air Force basic military training June 5, 2009 at the Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland parade grounds.



Command Chief Master Sgt. Juan Lewis, center, observes Gen. Edward A. Rice Jr., left, present the organizational guidon to Brig. Gen. Theresa C. Carter as she assumes command of the 502nd Air Base Wing during the change of command ceremony July 13, 2011 at Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston's MacArthur Parade Field.

Photo by L.A. Shively

is going to take care of their children when they join the Air Force."

A Houston native, Lewis began his Air Force career in 1984. He served in numerous enlisted positions, including NCO in charge of the honor guard and mortuary affairs at March Air Force Base, Calif.

Later, he occupied top positions with the 48th Services Squadron, 48th Mission Support Group and 48th Fighter Wing at Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England.

Then he landed his ideal job as the 37th TRW command chief master sergeant in 2008.

"This was my dream job and I've lived the dream," Lewis said when he left Lackland in 2009 for his JBSA position at nearby Fort Sam Houston.

Retiring at Lackland is something Lewis said he'll always cherish.

"I could have done one more tour, but what a place to retire – Lackland Air Force Base, where it all starts," the chief said. "To walk down the historic bomb run in 1984 and then to retire walking down the bomb run in 2012, it doesn't get any better than this.

"I look back at my time in the Air Force and think about all the people who helped me. I really appreciate each and every one of them."



Photo by Robbin Cresswell

Chief Master Sgt. Juan Lewis, 502nd Air Base Wing command chief, welcomes Airmen to the Additional Duty First Sergeant's Seminar held at the Inter-American Air Forces Academy auditorium at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland Feb. 8. The week-long seminar provides training for NCOs and senior NCOs who serve as additional duty or backup first sergeants.

## IMCOM CHANGE OF RESPONSIBILITY



**Photo by Robert Dozier**

Command Sgt. Maj. Earl Rice (right) receives the sword symbolizing the responsibilities of the U.S. Army Installation Management Command's highest-ranking NCO from Lt. Gen. Michael Ferriter, IMCOM commanding general, in a ceremony March 9 at the Fort Sam Houston Theatre. Ferriter passed the sword from outgoing CSM Donald Felt to Rice.

## 323RD ARMY BAND 'FORT SAM'S OWN' SOLDIERS SELECTED AS ARNORTH SOLDIER, NCO OF THE YEAR



**Photo by Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson**

Sgt. Veronica Flores Salinas and Spc. Hannah Rademacher, both members of the 323rd Army Band "Fort Sam's Own," U.S. Army North, took top honors March 5 as the Army North Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year, respectively. Salinas, a flute player from La Joya, Texas, and Rademacher, a French horn player from Decatur, Ill., will represent Army North at the upcoming U.S. Northern Command NCO and Soldier of the Year board in Colorado Springs, Colo.

## WFSC HOSTS 'COME TOGETHER THROUGH ART' SHOW



**Photo by Donald Manuszewski**

Staff Sgt. Theresa Schatte, a wounded warrior from Boerne, displays her artwork at the Warrior and Family Support Center during a March 7 art show titled "Come Together Through Art." The show featured works of art by people who participate in the various art programs available at the center. Schatte, who was wounded in Afghanistan, shows her talent through poster art. Providing entertainment at the event was the 323rd Army Band "Fort Sam's Own," which played a couple of sets of Beatles classics.

## FORMER AIR FORCE SECRETARY VISITS SAMMC



**Photo by Dewey Mitchell**

Army intensive care unit nurse Capt. Jessica Widemann (left) gives a briefing to Michael Wynne (center) and Air Force Maj. Gen. Byron Hepburn in the San Antonio Military Medical Center intensive care unit March 2. Wynne, who served as Secretary of the Air Force from 2001 to 2008, also toured the hospital's helipad and emergency department. The visit was focused on the great Army and Air Force team effort at SAMMC and the importance of the San Antonio Military Health System. Hepburn is commander, 59th Medical Wing, and director of SAMHS.

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tax-related documents to their appointment. The main site phone number is 295-1040 and the SAMMC satellite phone number is 916-1040.

### ***Type 2 Diabetes Research Study***

Military medical beneficiaries (retired and family members of active duty and retired), age 18-65, and diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes may be a candidate for a research study titled "Sleeve Gastrectomy Versus Medical Management For Remission Of Diabetes In Mild To Moderately Obese Patients," even if not being a previous candidate for weight loss surgery before. Active duty personnel are unable to participate. For more information, call the Bariatric Clinic at 292-2210.

### ***Personalized Retirement Estimates Available***

Current Army-serviced employees who are eligible for a voluntary/optional retirement within the next five years can now request a retirement estimate electronically through the Employee Benefits Information System (EBIS). To request an estimate, log into EBIS through the Army Benefits Center-Civilian (ABC-C) website at <https://www.abc.army.mil> and click on the "How Do I...?" button.

## TEMPORARY WALTERS STREET GATE/ROAD CLOSURE

The Walters Gate will temporarily close at 6 p.m. March 23 and remain closed until approximately 4 p.m. March 25 to facilitate the temporary relocation of the entry control lanes and facilities, according to 502nd-Civil Engineer Squadron officials. During this closure, the Jadwin Gate (commercial gate), located East of Walters Street (take the AT&T Center exit) will be open around the clock for inbound and outbound traffic through the duration of the project. Additionally, the New Braunfels Gate, located west of Walters Street, will open for outbound traffic only from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. on March 24 and 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 25.

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funds and the flexibility which AER officers worldwide exercise in responding to requests for financial assistance, Soldiers and families can receive well-deserved care and consideration in a time of need,” Foley added.

Established in response to insuring there was an agency available that could provide prompt financial assistance for Soldiers and their families during World War II, AER provides emergency financial assistance in the form of no-interest loans or grants.

In addition, AER provides scholarships to children and spouses of active-duty and retired Soldiers as well as financial support to widows and wounded warriors.

Beginning in January 2012, AER added four

new categories of assistance to include:

- family member dental care
- basic furniture needs
- rental vehicles
- replacement vehicles.



**Illustration by Dawn Pandoliano**

Since 1942, Army Emergency Relief has been helping support Soldiers and their families. The money provided through AER loans is donated by Soldiers, civilians, widows and widowers, retirees and family members.

These additions were made to meet the changing needs of today's Soldiers and families, according to AER officials. Based upon feedback from AER officers worldwide, nine new categories have been added in the last two years.

In 2011 Army Emergency Relief provided \$77.5 million in assistance to more than 64,000 Soldiers and their families. Under the streamlined Command Referral Program, company commanders and first sergeants have the authority to approve AER loans for their Soldiers up to \$1,500.

AER assistance is based upon a valid need and is flexible in responding to all types of financial situations, officials said, adding that AER officers work toward “finding a way to say yes.”

There is no limit on the amount of assistance that can be provided, and no limit on the number of times a Soldier may make requests for assistance.

Soldiers requiring AER assistance should contact their unit chain of command, go to their local installation AER office, or call 221-0994.

Soldiers and families not near an Army installation can get AER assistance at an Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard base from the Air Force Aid Society, Navy Marine Corps Relief Society, and Coast Guard Mutual Assistance respectively or from the American Red Cross call center at (877) 272-7337.

Additional program information is available at <http://www.aerhq.org> or in the Army Blue Book application for smart phones.

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the undersecretary had dinner with senior leaders from the other commands on JBSA-Fort Sam Houston.

On March 8, Westphal visited wounded Soldiers bedside at San Antonio Military Medical Center.

Following his visit to SAMMC, Westphal headed to the Warrior and Family Support Center to present Purple Hearts to four Soldiers: Sgt. Brandon L. Tucker, Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 5th Squadron, 7th Cavalry, 3rd Infantry Division; Spc. Benjamin P. Bozworth, Company A, 1st Battalion, 179th Infantry, 45th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Oklahoma Army National Guard; Spc. Nicholas G. Luttrell, Company A, 1st Battalion, 279th Infantry, 45th Infantry Brigade Combat Team, Oklahoma Army National Guard; and Pfc.

Cody A. Nusbaum, Company C, 2nd Battalion, 87th Infantry, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division.

“Whatever your wounds are, whatever work you have to do to mend, we know that it took courage for you to make that decision to raise your right hand and swore to support and defend the Constitution of the United States,” he told the Purple Heart recipients. “That courage is what sustains you today.”

Westphal said the most rewarding part of his visit was spending time with Soldiers and their families.

“I think about the strength of character that they have as they go through the difficult process of mending, it's amazing to me,” the undersecretary said.

“It renews my faith in people and their strength and character.”

# Army Dental Corps celebrates 101st anniversary

By Andy Watson

Army Medical Department  
Office of Medical History

The U.S. Army's Dental Corps celebrated its 101st anniversary March 3, celebrating when President Howard Taft signed Public Law No. 453, 36 Stat. 1054 in 1911. This law allowed for dentists to serve within the Army.

Prior to this time – from the Revolutionary War until the late 1800s – Soldiers with dental emergencies were the responsibility of Army physicians.

Army dental care began to change in 1901. Civilian dental associations successfully lobbied for legislation requiring that the Army employ 30

contract Dental Surgeons.

For the next 10 years the contractors proved the value of their service and gained the trust of the Surgeons General. With the adoption of the public law in 1911, the Army granted commissioned officer status for dentists.

At first, dental officers could be of no higher rank than first lieutenant. Five years later, a Congressional mandate to provided some equity with the Medical Corps for rank, pay, and benefits.

John Sayre Marshall, considered the “Father of the Dental Corps,” steadfastly worked to incorporate dentists into the Army's commissioned ranks.

A Civil War veteran, Mar-

shall had previously served as contract dentist and was additionally trained as a medical doctor. Marshall retired in 1911 after achieving commissioned status for dentists.

The newly formed Dental Corps assisted in troop health during World War I and would be tested during World War II, when Dental Corps numbers swelled, with 18,000 dentists serving during the war.

Pivotal changes in the organization and utilization of the Dental Corps occurred in Korea and Vietnam.

During the Korean War, dental support was altered to provide care by area instead

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**Photo courtesy of U.S. Army Military History Institute**

1st Lt. R.M. McNulty, dental surgeon, 309th Field Artillery Regiment, 78th Division, with assistant Pvt. J.J. Cleveland, operates on a patient just back from the lines in Fey-en-Haye, Meurthe et Moselle, France, Sept. 22, 1918.

# Army South Soldiers brave jungle, improve Belize military medical capacity

By Eric R. Lucero  
ARSOUTH Public Affairs

Deep in the jungle of Belize, five U.S. Army Soldiers, accompanied by soldiers from the Belize Defense Force, moved through unfamiliar terrain with their casualty.

The ability to move their casualty more than 200 yards was strenuous due to the climate and terrain. Time was a factor for their casualty, and they knew it.

Sensing they were running out of time, the medics chopped their way through thick vegetation, rappelled down steep cliffs, crossed rapid rivers, and made their way through dark caves.

Once they reached

their objective, the unusual happened. Their patient stood up, smiled and praised them on a job well done.

The Army medics were participating in a two-week, U.S. Army South-sponsored Subject Matter Expert Exchange, or SMEE, with the Belize Defense Force and the Belize Coast Guard Service.

The exchange required the U.S. Soldiers to step outside their comfort zones and slither through the jungle and rivers of Belize, all while staying focused on properly executing their skills.

With the stability and security of the U.S. and partner nations dependent upon our ability to

work together to detect, deter and disrupt common security challenges, conducting exchanges with partner nations ensures the Army's regional partners are ready and able to meet potential threats.

During the two-week exchange, the Belizeans trained the U.S. Soldiers in various elements of high-difficulty casualty evacuations.

Whether it was rappelling down sheer cliffs, using ropes to cross swift rivers, or crawling into confined spaces during cave rescues, the scenarios and terrain provided by the Belizean soldiers offered their U.S. counterparts an unparalleled training opportunity.

"The most important part of an opportunity like this is it gets the Soldiers out in an environment that they would otherwise not have," said Maj. Al Brown, U.S. Army South G-3 operations officer. "Back home, the conditions are not quite as challenging as you have here in the jungle. To get this deep into a jungle environment and train is pretty hard to do."

Being able to treat a wound in a brick building with sound security and a working air conditioner may seem ideal, but being able to overcome exhaustion, sweltering heat and unfavorable terrain can quickly turn the situ-

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Photo by Eric R. Lucero

Spc. Marco Borrego (left), a health care specialist assigned to U.S. Army South's Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion in San Antonio, works with members of the Belize Defense Force and Belize Coast Guard Service to steady a casualty bearing basket during a simulated high river crossing casualty evacuation near Belmopan, Belize, Feb. 11. Borrego participated in a U.S. Army South-sponsored Subject Matter Expert Exchange with the Belize Defense Force and the Belize Coast Guard Service near Belmopan, Belize, Feb. 6-17.

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ation from ideal to deadly if unprepared.

“As medics, we may find ourselves in a jungle or cave environment and it’s our duty to be able to go in there and extract that patient safely,” said Sgt. Eric Chappell, a medic assigned to the 228th Combat Support Hospital in San Antonio. “Any U.S. Soldier who comes through this program will be able to take this training back with them and use it effectively. There’s no question in my mind that this course has been tough.”

Sgt. Matthew Archilla, a medic assigned to the 228th Combat Support Hospital, believes the training he received in Belize has the ability to pay immediate dividends.

“A lot of the rappel training they gave us is really relevant,” said

Archilla. “Our current situation in Afghanistan has us operating in a lot of mountainous terrain. Allowing a medic to get in there and learn how to package a patient in that type of terrain is extremely beneficial.”

While the Belize Defense Force is a relatively small military, only consisting of approximately 1,000 troops, the experience its service members have operating in a jungle environment makes their training invaluable to partner nations seeking to improve their own capabilities.

“It’s good to see how other armies handle different situations,” said Spc. Marco Borrego, a health care specialist assigned to Army South’s Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion. “We can learn from them just as much as they can learn from us.”

After successfully making their way through the jungle, the U.S. Soldiers reciprocated the training by providing the Belizeans with medical care classes designed to improve the host nation’s ability to effectively treat casualties in hostile situations.

“We taught them trauma casualty care, a step above the combat lifesaver course,” said Sgt. 1st Class Efrem Dicochea, a medical operations non-commissioned officer assigned to Army South. “This will assist the Belizeans in developing the skills needed to be able to treat and evacuate casualties in a combat environment. It’s important because it gives the host nation confidence in their medics so they can operate in an austere environment away from definitive care.”

Since the Belizean soldiers participating

already had basic medical skills, the U.S. medics provided medical training to the host nation soldiers in how to treat casualties under fire.

“The majority of the rescuers and military here already have the rescue side down,” said Cpl. Wendy Garcia, a combat medic with the Belize Defense Force. “The medical training is what we really needed to help us expand more on our medical knowledge. An exchange like this really helps us stay up-to-date on real-world changes in the medical world.”

“This is very important for us,” said Capt. Elfryn Reyes, the force medical officer for the Belize Defense Force. “We are always very happy when we get support from partner countries like the United States. It is very important to keep this

relationship because we complement each other. We hope this relationship can continue and grow.”

In addition to the formal training, both groups spent some time enjoying the intricacies of the jungle during a 24-hour jungle immersion exercise.

“It was awesome living off the jungle,” said Chappell. “You just had to go into the jungle, chop your way in and build a hut and live in that with absolutely nothing except some bread and water. We even ate termites.”

“This has been a great experience,” said Sgt. Christopher Pizano, the noncommissioned officer in charge, or NCOIC, for the medical section of Army South’s HHBN.

“Everyone brings their own expertise to the group and it’s been a great experience working with them. They have taught us a lot about how

to survive in the jungle. There has been no other training that I have seen that has been able to replicate something like this.”

While the U.S. medics and their Belizean counterparts parted ways, the experience and training each group received will prove to be crucial toward building partner nation capacity and improving abilities to successfully work side-by-side on any future operations or exercises.

“If I’m out there working on a rescue and there is a Belizean soldier working alongside me, we both know the same information,” Archilla said.

“We’re both tying the same knots; we’re doing the same battlefield tactical combat casualty care. It just allows for a continuity and better cohesion.”

# Soldier's skills tested to the limits to earn EFMB



Photos by Lori Newman

A Soldier evacuates a simulated casualty during the Expert Field Medical Badge test March 4-9 at Camp Bullis. Candidates were tested on tactical combat casualty care, medical and casualty evacuation, communication and warrior skills. Candidates received a "GO" or a "NO GO" for each required task.

## Congratulations to the Recipients:

Sgt. Joseph Clifford, Moncrief Army Community Hospital  
 Capt. Joel Schirding, Brooke Army Medical Center (Honor Grad, most GOs)  
 Spc. Phillip Hubbard, Brooke Army Medical Center  
 Capt. Rachel Acciaccia, Army Public Health Command (Highest written test score 53)  
 Capt. Andrew Fortenberry, Brooke Army Medical Center  
 1st Lt. Daniel Harrison, Army Public Health Command  
 Staff Sgt. Matthew Spangler, 32nd Medical Brigade  
 Capt. Marcus Perkins, 32nd Medical Brigade  
 2nd Lt. Dana Messer, 32nd Medical Brigade  
 Capt. Erin Nash, Reynolds Army Community Hospital  
 Capt. Nathan Henry, Martin Army Community Hospital  
 Staff Sgt. Reynaldo Turcios-Rios, Reynolds Community Hospital (Fastest foot march, 2:35:36)  
 Sgt. 1st Class William Butler, 32nd Medical Brigade  
 Staff Sgt. Brian Threatt, 32nd Medical Brigade



Staff Sgt. Jonathan Herod, 32nd Medical Brigade, must disassemble, assemble and perform a functions check on a M9 pistol as part of the warrior skills testing to earn the Expert Field Medical Badge.



A Soldier decontaminates his weapon to protect himself from a CBRN (chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear) injury/contamination during Expert Field Medical Badge testing March 4-9 at Camp Bullis.



Maj. Gen. M. Ted Wong, commanding general, Southern Regional Medical Command, congratulates Staff Sgt. Reynaldo Turcios-Rios from Reynolds Community Hospital, Fort Sill, Okla., as he crosses the finish line of the 12-mile road march March 9 at Camp Bullis. Turcios-Rios finished first with a time of 2:35:36.



A candidate places a tourniquet on the leg of a simulated casualty under the watchful eyes of the evaluator as a cadre member sprays fake blood until the bleeding stops. This was one of several tactical combat casualty care tasks Soldiers must complete during the Expert Field Medical Badge test.

By Lori Newman  
 JBSA-FSH News Leader

The Expert Field Medical Badge may not be as big as the Stanley Cup or Heisman Trophy, but when a Soldier medic earns this coveted badge, the feeling of satisfaction is possibly the same.

Athletes battle it out on the field, but Soldiers must demonstrate professionalism, proficiency, endurance, and knowledge while under the pressure of simulated combat.

The EFMB was established in June 1965 as a Department of the Army special skill award to recognize exceptional competence and outstanding performance by field medical personnel.

This year, 190 candidates converged on Camp Bullis Feb. 27 to begin a week-long standardization process before starting the actual testing from March 4-9.

After the grueling 12-mile foot march, Maj. Gen. M. Ted Wong, commanding general, Southern Regional Medical Command, pinned the badge on 14 candidates during an awards ceremony held March 9.

"The EFMB epitomizes the training the Army uses to train its Soldiers," Wong said. "That realistic battle-focused training saves lives on the battlefield. You all should feel proud that you have earned this badge."

Southern Regional Medical Command hosted the two-week event at Joint Base San Antonio-Camp Bullis.

"It took us two weeks to prepare for execution of the testing before the candidates arrived," said Col. Scott Fischer, EFMB test board chairman. "There were 158 support personnel. That includes the test board members, the folks running the lanes, medical support and administrative/logistical support staff."

Candidates were tested on tactical combat casualty care, medical and casualty evacuation, communication and warrior skills and day and night land navigation. Candidates received a "GO" or a "NO GO" for each required task.

Candidates were required to pass the written examination, correctly answering 45 out of 60 questions. They also had to locate three out of four points during both the day and night land navigation portion of the test.

"This year we used a GPS locator to track candidates on the land navigation course," Fischer said.

Each candidate wore a Global Positioning System tracking device on the night land navigation course. The GPS allowed the test board members to quickly locate candidates who were still on the course when time expired. The device also had an emergency button, which alerted the medical aid team if

the candidate needed help.

Three combat testing lanes tested the candidate's communication, warrior skills, tactical combat casualty care, and medical and casualty evacuation skills.

The Soldiers were required to demonstrate proficiency in 10 out of 13 warrior skill tasks, which included protecting themselves from chemical/biological contamination; weapons disassembly and assembly; moving over, through and around obstacles; and reacting to fire and a possible improvised explosive device.

Communication tasks required the candidates to earn four out of five "GOs" to advance.

Tactical combat casualty care tasks included patient assessment; using a tourniquet and hemostatic device to control bleeding; inserting a nasopharyngeal airway; performing a needle chest decompression; and triaging casualties. The Soldiers needed to complete 11 of the 14 TCCC tasks to receive the badge.

Eight out of 10 medical and casualty evacuation tasks were also required.

The MaxxPro Plus ambulance built by Navistar, a new Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle was added to the CTLs. Candidates were required to load two simulated casualties onto the MRAP during the evacuation portion of the test.

"My height did not really hinder me at all during the testing," said 6-foot-10-inch

tal 1st Lt. Daniel Harrison. "The cadre were convinced that I would have issues maneuvering in a small tunnel. I simply crawled in and out on my hands and knees."

"The most difficult task was overcoming the nervousness before performing on each lane," he explained. "Once I was able to calm myself, I was able to prevent any minor mistakes that could disqualify me by slowing down and concentrating on each task as they came along."

The last event was the 12-mile foot march. The candidates were required to complete the march in less than three hours carrying a 35-pound pack and their weapon.

"It was an amazing feeling to come in first during the 12-mile foot march," said Staff Sgt. Reynaldo Turcios-Rios from Reynolds Community Hospital, Fort Sill, Okla.

"It was a culmination of all of the hard work and training leading up to this event."

Turcios-Rios completed the march in 2:35:36.

"The hardest part of the testing was the anticipation and the rush of adrenaline leading up to each event," Turcios-Rios said.

"The Soldiers who did not make it gave me motivation. They pushed me throughout the event, even when I was tired emotionally and physically. I could not have made it if it weren't for the group of Soldiers who came down from Fort Sill."



Staff Sgt. Marta Canales from Fort Hood prepares to load a casualty into the MaxxPro Plus ambulance, a new Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle, as part of the Expert Field Medical Badge test March 4-9 at Camp Bullis.

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Mark Kazmierczak, plans specialist, Army North plans and operations, who attended the class in December, said the class improved his understanding of the interrelationships necessary to successfully conduct planning in the homeland.

“It provided a good overview of planning in strategic and operational missions for homeland defense and civil support missions,” said Kazmierczak.

“There were inter-agency partners in the course we could engage with, which facilitated collaboration and sharing.”

Mitchell said terrorist threats to the United States have not abated, and the course is important for the



Photo by Staff Sgt. Keith Anderson

David Pointon, operational planner, Region VI, Federal Emergency Management Agency, discusses FEMA's role in homeland security planning during U.S. Army North's Homeland Security Planners Course, taught by a mobile training team from the Joint Forces Staff College, National Defense University. The 40-hour course, open to planners from Army North, U.S. Northern Command, the U.S. Coast Guard and others, covers contingency and crisis-action planning processes as they pertain to homeland security and operations in the continental United States.

nation's planners.

“Even though we’ve degraded the ability of al Qaeda to act against us, the threat still exists from home-

grown terrorism and many others,” Mitchell said, citing examples such as Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, the “underwear bomber,”

who tried to bring down Northwest flight 253 over Detroit on Christmas Day 2009, and several other incidents.

SGT. MAJ. OF THE ARMY LEON L. VAN AUTREVE SERGEANTS MAJOR ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEERS AT FOOD BANK



Courtesy photo

Members of the Sgt. Maj. of the Army Leon L. Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association and their families volunteered several hours of their time at the San Antonio Food Bank Feb. 29. The volunteers helped pack more than 8,000 pounds of food items, which equates to approximately 12,800 meals for families in San Antonio and Southwest Texas. Participants included Sgt. Maj. Tony Williams and Leo Anderson, retired Sgt. Maj. Latoya Sizer, Ed Martin, Tracey James and David White, as well as Tony Williams Jr., Mable L. Williams, Mable O. Williams and Tonka L. Williams. The San Antonio Food Bank is a non-profit organization that serves as a clearinghouse by receiving and storing truckloads of donated food, produce, and other grocery products. The SAFB distributes these items in manageable quantities to more than 500 service agencies that help people in need.

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# USAMITC's fellowship program continues to show joint direction

By Kenneth Blair Hogue  
USAMITC Public Affairs

With the military still moving in a joint service operational direction, the U.S. Army Medical Information Technology Center continues to come on strong in its contribution to this effort with a path already established by its fellowship program.

"The fellowship program gives us an opportunity as medical administrators to work jointly with the Army to improve our understanding of joint operations," said Air Force Capt. Todd Roman, USAMITC's current Air Force Fellow and the third officer to participate in this program.

"It also increases our ability to successfully lead the Air Force in medical information technology operations."

With the program, USAMITC hosts an officer from another branch of the military on a one-year assignment to provide an in depth learning experience for the officer and to share knowledge gained in operations of the information technology enterprise.

The center provides one rotation, or two positions, within their year-long placement in the program, giving them a chance to learn another Military branch's way of handling business practices.

After an officer is selected for the program, USAMITC screens them to determine their objectives, experience level, individual skills and qualifications and later places the officer with an operating division or office to assume a position.

"We're here to improve our own personal leadership and technical skill sets so that when we return to the Air Force, we can take those lessons back and be a medical treatment facility chief information officer or a higher headquarter staff officer with a broader knowledge base to draw upon," Roman said.

Roman, who has a degree in accounting, was a certified public accountant for several years before joining the Air Force.

While stationed at Wil-



ford Hall Medical Center, his first assignment, he had two large projects he worked on for the chief information officer.

"One project was working with the chief information officer for Brooke Army Medical Center to draft the Base Realignment and Consolidation memorandums of understanding that would

lay out the vision of how the medical information services divisions would operate jointly post-BRAC," Roman said.

In addition, he was required to review each departmental MOU for technical feasibility.

"I met with counterparts from the other services and ensured these memorandums

would meet the intent of BRAC as well as be possible within the confines of military jointness," Roman added.

Roman said the fellowship selection process was very competitive.

"There are only 35 available opportunities for approximately 900 personnel within my career field," Roman said.

USAMITC Fellow Capt Todd Roman (right) strategizes with, USAMITC Sustainment Division project manager Joe Tolentino (left) and Capt. Dwayne Williams, USAMITC Sustainment Division Systems analyst.

Photo by Kenneth Blair Hogue

## Did you know?

Mission leaders and service provider managers need a method to track, understand, and gauge the true determinant of how well services are provided within their organization.

FY 10, there were 2,920 ICE submissions to Fort Sam Houston organizations and in FY 11, 4,356 ICE submissions. More importantly, the overall satisfaction rate increased from 85 percent in FY10



to 87 percent in FY 11.

One of the best things about ICE is that people can let service providers know when they do a great job, not just for poor service.

It takes 5 minutes or less to submit a comment at <http://ice.disa.mil>.

## **DENTAL from P9**

of unit affiliation. This allowed greater coverage of care by fewer personnel. In Vietnam, stronger dental command and control took place as dental detachments were subordinate to a larger dental unit.

After Vietnam, dental command and control continued to expand. The Dental Corps continued to contribute to the

Army during the Cold War and Operation Desert Storm; its success culminating in the establishment of Dental Command.

Army Dentists in the Global War on Terror, have deployed with Army forces in brigade combat teams, dental companies, and combat support hospitals.

Their experiences have led to advances in deployed dental processes, improvements

in communications, command and control over deployed dental forces; and the provision of emergency essential dental services.

Army Dental Research has also transformed to support emerging contingency operations, with a focus on wound healing and tissue stabilization/regeneration, leading to introduction of cutting-edge initiatives to address head and neck trauma and burns.

1st Lt. E.R. Latham, dental surgeon, 305th Field Signal Battalion, 80th Division, in a dugout working under difficult conditions in Bethincourt, Meuse, France, Oct. 5, 1918.

**Photo courtesy of  
U.S. Army Military  
History Institute**



**Photo courtesy Library of Congress**

A Spanish-American War-era doctor serving as a dentist.

# Countdown to the first Fort Sam Houston Triathlon

By Deyanira Romo Rossell  
502 FSS Marketing

Summer and warmer weather will be here soon bringing with them the first triathlon of the year on Fort Sam Houston June 10, beginning at the Aquatic Center at 6:30 a.m. and ending at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center on Wilson Way, Building 320.

The triathlon offers serious athletes a challenging 400-meter swim, a 10-mile bike race and a 2-mile run. With better weather ahead, many athletes use the months leading up to the event to do some serious training.

The June triathlon

will set off a chain of events, including a mini-triathlon Sept. 15. The event begins at 6:30 a.m. at the Fort Sam Houston Aquatic Center and includes a 200-meter swim, a 5-mile bike ride and a 1-mile run.

The 32nd Annual Combat Medic Run Oct. 27 is a 10K which begins at the MacArthur Parade Field. Entry cost for the mini-triathlon and combat medic run is \$20 for each.

The Army Ten Miler Qualifier begins at 6:45 a.m. May 5 at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. Registration deadline is April 30. The run is open to all active duty military. The top five men



Photo by Deyanira Romo Rossell

The much anticipated Military City USA 5K is slated for March 24, starting at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center, offering a great way to start training for a tough lineup of challenges during the year.

and women will qualify to represent Fort Sam Houston at the Army Ten Miler in Washington D.C.

Oct. 21.

The 502nd Force Support Squadron puts on the challenges as part of an ongoing program offering troops on Fort Sam Houston great ways to meet their fitness goals.

The Military City USA 5K is at 7 a.m. March 24 at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center and often

launches the training season for avid athletes on the post.

“The Military City USA 5K will be a little different this year,” said Doug Stanley, 502 FSS Sports Branch Chief. “The best change is that it is a free run and there is no registration required. We are also glad to offer free refreshments and water

after the race.

“Since March is also National Nutrition Month, we join the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics to offer the Military City USA 5K as one more way to stay on a healthy course,” Stanley added. “We hope to have a great turnout this year.”

The 502nd FSS offers four fitness centers on Fort Sam Houston including the Jimmy Brought, Central Post (which is undergoing renovation and will re-open this summer), Brigade (which is temporarily housed in a Big Area Tent at the corner of Hardee and Williams Road) and the newest facility on the Medical Education Training Campus.

The Jimmy Brought Fitness Center has an indoor pool. The Fort Sam Houston Aquatic Center has a large 50-meter heated pool. For more information on any of the facilities or the upcoming fitness challenges, call 221-1367.

## NAVY WINS FIRST STUDENT INTRAMURAL HOOPS TOURNNEY



Photo by Deyanira Romo Rossell

A Navy player goes up to block an Army player during the first Student Intramural Championship Basketball Tournament at the Fitness Center on the Medical Education Training Campus March 8. The Navy's Emergency Medical Training Alpha Company team beat the Army's 264<sup>th</sup> Alpha Company team by a score of 57-44 for the title.



**Armed Forces Blood Drive**  
March 15, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. IMCOM Headquarters Building, 2405 Gun Shed Road, call 295-4655.

**Key Caller Training**  
March 15, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

**Stress Management**  
March 15, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Red Cross Building 2650, call 221-0349.

**Branded Outlaw Wrestling's "The Ascension"**  
The MWR Ticket Office has free tickets for the March 17 event at Woodlawn Gym, 1103 Cincinnati Ave. Bell time is at 7:30. Call 226-1663.

**Intramural Sports Signup**  
Softball – letter of intent is due March 19, season begins April 9; Soccer – letter of intent is due March 19, season begins April 9 letter of intent is due March 19, season begins April 10; Flag Football – letter of intent is due March 26, season begins April 9. Must be 18 years or older and have a DOD ID card.

**Spring Turkey Hunting Season**  
Begins March 17, must have a bird/small game permit; DoD non-contract ID card; hunter education card; shotgun make, model, caliber and serial number; and Texas state hunting license with upland game bird stamp. Cost is \$50. Call 295-7529 or 295-7577.

**St. Patrick's Day Party for Teens**  
March 17, 5-8 p.m., Middle School Teen Center Building 2515, call 221-3630.

**Celebrate St. Patrick's Day**  
March 17, 7-8:30 p.m., Sam Houston Community Center Building 1395, Irish games, a DJ, green beer and plenty of desserts, call 221-4016.

**Battlemind Pre-Training for Families**  
March 19, 1-3 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

**English as a Second Language**  
March 19, 5-7:30 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 916-8219.

**Tell Me A Story**  
March 19, 5:30 p.m., Fort Sam Houston Elementary School Cafeteria, reserve a seat at PtoP. SamHouston@militarychild.org. Col. John Lamoureux, 502nd Mission Support Group commander, will read Verdi.

**Excel Level 1**  
March 20, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

**Unit Family Readiness**  
March 20, 8-10 a.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-1829 or 221-0946.

**HUGS playgroup**  
March 20, 9-11 a.m., Middle School Teen Center Building 2515, call 221-0349 or 221-2418.

**Women's History Month Observance**  
March 20, 11:30 a.m., Sam Houston Community Center, guest speaker is Maj. Gen. Marcia M. Anderson, deputy chief, Army Reserve, call 221-0622.

**Making the Most of your Money**  
March 20, 2-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-2380.

**Girls Talk**  
March 20, 4-4:30 p.m., School Age Services, call 221-0349.

**Spanish Class**  
March 20, 5-7:30 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 916-8219.

**Mandatory Initial First Termer Financial Readiness**  
March 21, noon-4 p.m., Education Center Building 2248, call 221-1612.

**Credit Reports**  
March 19, 2-4 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797,

call 221-2380.  
**PowerPoint Level 2**  
March 22, 8 a.m.-noon, Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-2518 or 221-2705.

**Downtown Walking Tour**  
March 22, 9 a.m.-noon, meet at Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 916-8219.

**Learning Styles**  
March 22, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-0600.

**2nd Annual Shamrock Scramble**  
March 22, check in 9 a.m., 10 a.m. shotgun start, Fort Sam Houston Golf Club. Cost per player FSH/Randolph/Lackland Golf Club members-\$35 and non-members-\$50, includes cart fee, greens fees and entry to awards banquet following scramble. Open to all DOD patrons. Registration deadline is March 19 or until field is full.

**Learning Styles**  
March 22, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-0600.

**Alamo Chapter AUSA Luncheon**  
March 23, 11:30 a.m., Sam Houston Community Center, cost is \$16. Guest speaker will be Lt. Gen. William Caldwell IV, commander, U.S. Army North, and senior commander, Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis. Visit <http://www.alamochapterausa.com>.

**Military City USA 5K Run**  
March 24, 7 a.m., Jimmy Brought Fitness Center, check-in 6:30 a.m., no registration required, T-shirts are \$10 each on race day, call 221-1234.

**St. Patrick's Day 5K**  
March 26, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Fitness Center on the METC Campus. Call 808-5709 or 808-5708.

**Newcomer's Extravaganza**  
March 27, 9:30-11 a.m., Sam Houston Community Center, call 916-8219.

**Army Family Team Building Level 3**  
March 27, 28 and 29, 8:30

a.m.-2:45 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, call 221-2611 or 221-0918.

**Easter Egg Hunt**  
March 31, 10 a.m.-noon, Dodd Field, free food and entertainment for children and parents, call 221-3502.

**7th Annual Cowboys for Heroes**  
March 31, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Fort Sam Houston Equestrian Center, Building 3550, chuck wagons will set up a realistic-looking campground and cook over an open fire in cast iron pots, Charro demonstrations, mutton busting and live entertainment for MWR patrons, call 224-7207.

**Spouses' Club Scholarships**  
The Spouses' Club of the Fort Sam Houston Area contributes annually to the Fort Sam Houston community through scholarship and welfare awards. Scholarships are awarded to high school seniors, students continuing their education and military spouses. All applicants must have a valid DOD ID card. Welfare funds are awarded to charities, non-profit organizations or other worthy causes supporting the welfare of the Armed Forces and their families located at Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis. Applications for scholarship and welfare awards are available at <http://www.scfsh.com>. The deadline to apply is April 1.

**Easter Sunrise Service**  
The service will be held April 8, 6:30-7:30 a.m. outside the historic Gift Chapel. In case of rain, the service will be held inside the Gift Chapel. Light refreshment will be served after the service. For more information, call 221-2754.

**Job Fair**  
April 11, 5-7 p.m., Roadrunner Community Center Building 2797, for the Fort Sam Houston community, call 221-0427 or 221-0516.

**Harlequin Dinner Theatre**  
“...And the Beat Goes On” Harlequin Bandstand, March 8-April 21, Thursday through Saturday. Dinner is at 6:15 p.m. and curtain is at 8 p.m. Call 222-9694.

**Fitness and Sports Athlete of the Year**  
Service members participating

### Weekly Weather Watch

	Mar 15	Mar 16	Mar 17	Mar 18	Mar 19	Mar 20
San Antonio Texas	80° AM Clouds/PM Sun	80° Cloudy	78° Cloudy	77° Cloudy	81° Isolated T-Storms	76° Scattered T-Storms
Kabul Afghanistan	55° Showers	57° AM Showers	61° Mostly Sunny	61° Partly Cloudy	60° Sunny	48° Sunny

(Source: The Weather Channel at [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com))

## Edwards Aquifer Level

in feet above sea level  
as of Mar. 14

**CURRENT LEVEL\* = 663.1'**

\*determines JBSA water conservation stage

- Normal - above 660'
- Stage I - 660'
- Stage II - 650'
- Stage III - 642'
- Stage IV - 640.5'
- Stage V - 637'

Joint Base San Antonio has reverted back to Stage Normal Water Restrictions. Landscape watering with an irrigation system or sprinkler is permitted any day of the week between the hours of 8 p.m. and 10 a.m. Watering with a hand-held hose, drip irrigation or bucket is permitted any time of the day.

in intramural sports programs, monthly sporting events, varsity or extramural sports are eligible for nomination as the Athlete of the Year. Activities performed throughout the calendar year will be evaluated. An Athlete of the Year will be selected for each branch of service. Nomination packages are available at any of the Fort Sam Houston fitness centers or online at <http://fortsammmwr.com>. The deadline for submission is Nov. 30. Call 808-5710.

**Life Guarding Lessons**  
Children age 15 and older may train to be certified lifeguards on Fort Sam Houston by completing one of four sessions. All sessions will be conducted at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center indoor pool for \$160 per person. Call 221-1234.

**Auto Craft Center**  
The Auto Craft Center on the corner of Schofield and Funston roads will be closed until further notice as the 502nd FSS prepares to move it to a new facility.

**USAF Fit Family**  
Visit <http://www.usaffitfamily.com> for healthy recipes, fitness tips and health and nutrition articles.

**Hacienda Student Center**  
Big area tent at 3100 Marvin R. Wood, hours are 5-10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 5-9 p.m. Sundays.

**Air Force Education & Training Center**  
7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, relocated to a temporary building at 2427 Hood St., call 221-2135.

**Basic Skills Education Program**  
Classes are Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. for a period of 14 working days. Service members will receive instruction in reading comprehension, vocabulary, and math skills. The class is designed to teach basic college preparatory skills to service members with a GT score less than 110. Call 221-1738 to enroll.

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Brigade Gym Temporary Structure

The temporary gym structure at the corner of Hardee and Williams Roads is open 5 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday through Friday, closed weekends and holidays.

Sports Scores

For Fort Sam Houston and 32nd Medical Brigade intramural sports results, visit <http://bit.ly/MWRsports>.

Retired Enlisted Association

Chapter 80 of the Retired Enlisted Association meets at 1 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Lackland Air Force Base Gateway Club. Call 658-2344 for information.

Stilwell House

The Fort Sam Houston Stilwell House, a historic landmark since 1888, is open for tours, receptions and parties. The Stilwell House is managed by the Society for the Preservation of Historic Fort Sam House, Inc. a 501(C) (3) Corporation not affiliated with the Department of Defense. Call 224-4030 or 655-0577.

Green to Gold Program

Fifth Brigade Army ROTC will

conduct a brief the second Monday of each month, excluding training/federal holidays, at 2 p.m. in the Education Center, Building 2248, Room 207C. The purpose of the brief is to educate active duty Soldiers on the benefits, options, and qualifications of the Army Green to Gold Program. Call 5th Bde. ROTC at 295-2006 or 295-0429; the UTSA Recruiting Officer at 458-5607 or the St. Mary's University Recruiting Officer at 436-3415.

Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Sergeants Major Association meets the third Thursday of each month at 5 p.m. at the Longhorn Café, 1003 Rittiman Rd. All active duty, Reserve, National Guard and retired sergeants major are invited and encouraged to attend. Call 221-0584 or 889-8212.

Sergeant Audie Murphy Club

The SMA Leon L. Van Autreve Chapter of the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club meets the third Thursday of each month at noon in the Men's Card Room at the Fort Sam Houston Golf Club. All Sergeant Audie Murphy or Sergeant Morales members are invited and encouraged to attend. Call 808-1732 or 221-0144.



Boerne Spring Walk

The Randolph Roadrunners volksmarch club will host a 5k and 10k walk in conjunction with the Boerne Family Fun Fair March 17 starting at Main Plaza, 100 North Main St. in Boerne. Walks start between 8 a.m. and noon, finish by 3 p.m. Call 723-8574 or visit <http://randolphroadrunners.info/>.

Kerr Wildlife Management Area Walk

The Kerrville Trailblazers volksmarch club will host a 5k and 10k walk March 24 starting at the Kerr Wildlife Management Area, 2625 FM-1340 in Hunt, Texas. Walks start between 8 a.m. and noon; finish by 3 p.m. Call 830-896-6395 or visit <http://www.walktx.org/KerrvilleTrailblazers/>.

Irish Festival Entertainment

A festival will be held March 16 from 6-9 p.m. and March 17 noon-6 p.m. at the Arneson River Theatre. Visit <http://www.harpandshamrock.org> for more information.



**For Sale:** Graco Pack & Play port-a-crib with mobile, navy with animal print, excellent condition, \$45; crystal punch bowl set, includes lid, ladle and 12 crystal glasses, about 5 quart, \$75;

Brighton heart necklace with red stone, 15 inches, silver with Brighton tin, \$40; ladies leather jacket, dark brown with dolman sleeves, size medium, very good condition, \$35. Call 495-2296.

**For Sale:** Black computer desk armoire and matching filing cabinet, like new, holds large monitor, has separate drawers at top and bottom center with two shelves, two small drawers

St. Patrick's Day River Parade

A parade will be held March 17 at 3 p.m. along the Paseo Del Rio. Visit <http://www.harpandshamrock.org> for more information.

Shooting Stars Flag Football League

Boys and girls ages 5 to 17 can register now for the Shooting Stars Flag Football League. Call 606-6360 or visit <http://www.shootingstarssa.nffflag.com> for more information.

Wreath Laying at the Alamo

A wreath laying ceremony will be held March 17 at noon

at the Alamo to honor those of Irish heritage who sacrificed their lives. Visit <http://www.harpandshamrock.org> for more information.

Warrant Officer Association meeting

The Lone Star Silver Chapter of the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Association will meet March 19 at 5:30 p.m. at Chacho's & Chlucchi's, 8614 Perrin Beitel Rd. All active duty, retired, Reserve, National Guard warrant officers and family members are invited. For more information, call 221-7327 or 666-9818.

and three large drawers for filing, 58-inches long, 49-inches tall and 21-inches deep, separate filing cabinet, 28-inches long, 20.5-inches high and 16-inches deep, \$300 for the set or will sell individually; four metal barstools with tan cloth, 33-inches high, \$10 each; six-shelf bookcase, oak finish, good condition, \$25; new Goodyear Integrity P235/70R16 rim and tire for Honda Pilot,

never used, \$175. Call 467-5336. **For Sale:** new Rascal electric wheelchair with detachable legs, instruction manual included, \$800 obo. Call 661-3765 leave a message if necessary.

**Found:** A watch was found in the parking lot across from the Post Office/Welcome Center on Stanley Road. Call 295-2139.